Millis Energy Committee

Veterans Memorial Building, Room 206 900 Main Street Millis, Mass 02054 Monday, August 23rd, 2021 Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 5:30 pm

AGENDA

Attendees: Kathleen Streck, Craig Gibbons, Tom O'Connell, Tim Farrar

Robert Weiss (Millis Economic Development and Planning Director/Energy Manager)

Peter Jurmain (Millis Board of Selectman)

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 6:52 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heat pumps

- Robert shared informational links via emails
- To be installed in animal shelter
- State promoting heat pumps for hot water
- Debated efficiency of heat pumps in extreme (cold or hot) temperatures
- Discussed potential of posting information on sites re: heat pumps

Transportation survey

- Robert introduced survey
- Team felt that changes could be helpful to improve response rate and offered some suggestions

Climate XChange

Response to supporting The Green Future Act (H.3292).

- Robert shared a few details and invited the committee to learn more

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Net-Zero Energy

Deferred discussion

Green Communities Competitive Grant, cont'd

Competitive Grant Awarded for FY 2022

- Payback periods are getting longer for some of the remaining projects we have. Grant reduced as a result of this (Pay back too long for some)
- Prism working with us again to execute and manage projects
- Town approved projects

Solar Bylaws

Deferred discussion

Regional Energy Planning Assistance Grant (REPA)

Report recommendations discussions, continued.

MEC representatives to other committees.

- Request to review specific recommendations in upcoming meeting
- Committee participation and policies appear to be initial recommendation themes when balancing possible options and capacity of committee members

CONSENT ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Kathleen Streck made a motion to adjourn Tim Farrar seconded the motion Vote 3 in favor, 0 opposed Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 PM

Proposed Next Meeting: September 21, 2021